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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (ANTIGUA, BARBADOS, BELIZE, DOMINICA, GRENADA, GUYANA, JAMAICA, MONTSERRAT, ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA, SAINT LUCIA, SAINT VINCENT, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO)

Multi-sector Regional Planning Project for the Caribbean (Supplementary Assistance) (RLA/75/094)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	July 1977
Starting date of project activities:	January 1976
Planned completion date:	July 1979
To be executed by:	United Nations
Government implementing agency:	Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$287 700
Source of UNDP financing:	Regional Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The project is primarily designed to assist the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the governments in development planning, programming and regional project identification, so as to help achieve the aims and objectives of the Community and ensure that regional integration makes the maximum contribution to regional development and that the benefits of integration are equitably distributed.

2. This project was included in the 1975-77 UNDP Programme of Technical Co-operation for the Caribbean Community adopted at the Caribbean Basin Subregional meeting in Georgetown, Guyana, in October 1974. It is the principal component of UNDP assistance to CARICOM and is closely linked to the projects, Development of Regional Statistical Services (RLA/74/077)1/, and Development of Statistical Services in the Eastern Caribbean 2/.

1/ DP/PROJECTS/1145.
2/ DP/PROJECTS/1136.

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3. Because of the relatively long-term requirements of instituting an adequate regional planning system for the Caribbean and linking it to national plans and needs, as well as of the limited UNDP resources available, it has not been possible to obtain fully satisfactory results within the time-frame envisaged. Supplementary assistance has therefore been approved to assist CARICOM and the Governments concerned in following up on the technical studies prepared by the project, and in consolidating work under the various objectives.

II. Objectives and activities

4. The long-range objectives of the project are to assist: (a) the CARICOM Secretariat and the Governments in the region in establishing an effective basis for regional planning and for co-ordination of national development planning, and particularly in establishing and implementing a Regional Perspective Plan as a framework for regional development; and (b) the Governments with particular reference to the less developed countries of the region in establishing appropriate machineries for national planning.

5. The immediate objectives are to assist: (a) in the implementation of Chapter VI of the Common Market Treaty, and particularly in the preparation of a Regional Perspective Plan as a framework for regional planning; (b) in organizing a continuous regional planning system; (c) in identifying regional projects for implementation within the framework of the Regional Perspective Plan; and (d) the regional institutions - the Caribbean Development Bank, the Eastern Caribbean Common Market, the Caribbean Investment Corporation and the Caribbean Community Secretariat - in carrying out their functions related to regional planning.

III. Inputs

6. UNDP will provide for the services of international personnel: a team leader/general development planner, a regional planner, a quantitative economic planner, an agricultural planner, an industrial planner, a monetary and financial expert, a fiscal planner, a manpower planner, a transportation planner, administrative officers and consultants.

IV. Financial data

7. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
Personnel	47.0	212 100	47.0	245 300	94.0	457 400
Training		-		20 000		20 000
Equipment		19 000		4 600		23 600
Miscellaneous		6 000		17 800		23 800
		237 100		287 700		524 800

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